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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sirs:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

*29* 37. A process according to claim 18, wherein the exposed metal conductor is an exposed copper conductor.

*30* 38. A process according to claim 18, wherein the silver ions are present in the aqueous composition in a concentration of from 0.06 g/l to 32 g/l.

*31* 39. A process according to claim 18, wherein the complexing agent of the aqueous solution has a first molarity and the silver ions of the aqueous solution have a second molarity, the first molarity being greater than the second molarity.